

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

PROPOSITION 53

[REBUTTAL TO NO ON 53 ARGUMENT]

Proposition 53 trusts voters. Proposition 53's opponents are afraid of voters.

OPPONENTS INCLUDE SPECIAL INTERESTS WHO HAVE FOUGHT TAX REFORM FOR DECADES, EVEN PROPOSITION 13. They include insiders who profit from massive state revenue bond projects, and politicians and bureaucrats who don't trust you to decide whether to approve boondoggles like the \$64 billion bullet train and the \$6 billion Bay Bridge fiasco that now requires \$6 tolls.

IF TAXPAYERS HAVE TO PAY, THEY SHOULD HAVE A SAY! Prop. 53 holds politicians accountable by giving you a vote on state megaprojects paid for by state revenue bonds over \$2 billion. Voters will have the right to decide, just as we do with all other kinds of state bonds. And Prop. 53 finally unmask the true cost of all multibillion dollar state bonds.

PROP. 53 TRUSTS VOTERS to decide whether to approve the massive multibillion dollar increase in the bullet train's price tag.

PROP. 53 TRUSTS VOTERS - California taxpayers - to decide by a simple majority whether to spend \$17 billion to tunnel water under the Delta to Southern California.

PROP. 53 WOULD HAVE TRUSTED VOTERS to decide whether extravagant design changes on the Bay Bridge were worth \$5 billion in cost overruns and outrageous tolls that working families can't afford.

Prop. 53 clearly exempts local projects. Read it yourself at www.YESon53.com.

The Sacramento Bee said Prop. 53 won't hurt disaster relief because “...*emergency repairs are traditionally paid for by the federal government or other sources – not revenue bonds.*”

IF YOU TRUST TAXPAYERS AND VOTERS more than lobbyists, politicians and bureaucrats, VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 53!

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ORDERED CHANGES**